

Terms for University of Texas and Texas A&M Regents  
(SB 859 by Doggett)

DIGEST: SB 859 would have specified that three UT and A&M regent terms expire on Feb. 1 of each odd-numbered year. A regent appointed under prior law for a term expiring in 1983, 1985, or 1987 would serve out that term until Feb. 1 of that year or until a successor had been appointed.

GOVERNOR'S  
REASONS  
FOR VETO:

If the six-year term of the current regents who were appointed in January of odd-numbered years were extended until Feb. 1 of odd-numbered years, it would violate the constitutional provision limiting board members to six-year terms (Art. XVI, Sec. 30a). In addition, the bill would change a tradition of the outgoing Governor being able to make his final three regent nominations to the two boards. If Feb. 1 became the new statutory date, new appointees would have to wait for confirmation before taking office. This would cause an unnecessary delay.

SPONSOR'S  
VIEW:

Sen. Doggett's office said Clements vetoed this bill for "self-serving" reasons.

NOTES:

The HSG analysis of this bill appeared in the May 22, 1981, Daily Floor Report.